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In re Appln. of: Hiroshi USHIMARU

Appln. No.: 10/645,171 10/654,171

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Attorney Docket No: 9281/4665

Examiner: Ernesto Garcia

Art Unit: 3679

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (37 C.F.R. § 1.114)

Sir:

Applicant(s) requests continued examination of the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of September 21, 2004. The Claims begin on page 2 and the Remarks begin on page 6.